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REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 3, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are in the application, with Claims 1, 7, and 8 being independent. Claims 3 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 7, and 8 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 3 and 9 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,149,783 (Frolik) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,768,528 (Stumm). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to contain the subject matter recited by allowable Claim 3. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended similarly.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from at least one of the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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